

Order of Worship for Sunday, January 28, 2024 4th Sunday After the Epiphany, Year B
Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: PennsValleyParish.info
For the transformation of the world, we study God's Word in context to be equipped to live Jesus' Way.

CENTERING WORDS Everyone was shaken and questioned among themselves, "What's this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands unclean spirits and they obey him!"

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: From the pillar of fire and cloud of smoke, God led the people.

P: Praise be to God!

L: Through the voices of the prophet, God proclaimed the way to live.

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L: Through the power and witness of Jesus Christ, God offered us new life.

P: Thanks be to God who has showered us with blessing upon blessing!

† OPENING PRAYER

Open our hearts and spirits this day to hear the great good news of your power and presence with all your people. Fill our hearts with rejoicing as the words are proclaimed in song and story. Enliven us and remind us that you are with us, through the pillar of fire, through the magnificent words of the prophets, through the ministry and love of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Sweet Hour of Prayer UMH #496

† BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS - PASTORAL PRAYER (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST WITH ONE ANOTHER

HYMN OF PREPARATION His Name Is Wonderful UMH #174

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 18:15-20 // 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 // Mark 1:21-28

MESSAGE Witness Authority, Be Shaken & Disturbed

† CLOSING HYMN Majesty, Worship His Majesty #176

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

Book Study: Pastor Theresa will lead a book study for Lent six Tuesday evenings via Zoom starting February 13th. *The Third Day – Living the Resurrection*, by Tom Berlin, creatively connects the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss. See the flyer on the bulletin board or our website for more information and how to register. The pastor highly recommends reading the book even if you do not do the study.

A Laity Celebration will be held March 9th at 10am hosted at Mount Nittany UMC in Lemont. You are encouraged to join us for glorious music, inspiring stories, and holy communion. Hearts will be “strangely warmed” anew through praise and encouragement! Be celebrated! This is for you.

January 31 – Soup Kitchen at St. James. Contact Paula Smith for details.

February 1 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation will be hosted at St. James UMC, Coburn at 9:30am.

February 4 – Communion Sunday

February 7 – 1st Wednesday Bible Study at Sprucetown 10-11:30am. Bring your Bible. We will supply one if needed. This is a casual study open to everyone. We are studying the Book of Matthew.

February 11 - Sprucetown UMC Potluck Lunch following 11am worship. Ad Council meets after lunch.

February 13 – First night of the Lent book study! See the flyer on the bulletin board or website for more.

February 14 – Available Ash Wednesday service times and locations will be shared soon.

February 15 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation hosted at St. James UMC 9:30am. All are welcome.

UPCOMING:

Maundy Thursday service will be held March 28th 7pm at St. James UMC, Coburn

Easter Sunday is March 31, 2024

Gideon’s Guest Speaker Sunday is April 21, 2024

2024 General Conference of the United Methodist Church is April 23-May 3, 2024

2024 Susquehanna Annual Conference is May 30-June 1, 2024

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